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MAYOR'S REPORT BY MAYOR JOHN D. LINK

Our Fire/EMS Department recently held their annual awards dinner to honor both paid and volunteer staff for their outstanding performances throughout the 2010 year. This year our Fireman of the Year was Chris Whitenberger and our EMT of the Year was Keri Ann Hansen. These individuals were voted for by the membership for these awards. Congratulations and thank you to both of you for your dedication, hard work and the service you provide to our residents in a professional manner. Keep up the good work.

We have been advised by the Northern Kentucky Water District that construction on the new 36" water line along Horsebranch Road will start within the next few weeks, weather permitting, and should be completed sometime this June. I'm highlighting this because construction will be an inconvenience to some during the working hours. They will keep all the lanes open during the rush hours to ease traffic as much as possible. Once this work is completed in June, construction will start on the Dudley hill project from Winding Trails to 3L Highway. This work will spill into the 2012 season. Once it is finished it will be well worth it, we just need a little patience and to plan for a little extra time.

We will start working on the streets that were not completed this past fall soon and should be finished by early summer. The public works department will be assessing the remaining streets within the city to determine which will be repaired or reconstructed for the 2011-2012 Budget. We should have the listing of those streets in June and work will begin after the bids are received.

The prescription card program is still very successful for those who do not have prescription coverage under their current medical plans. The card is free to anyone and can be used at any pharmacy. You will receive a 20 percent discount on any prescription not covered. Just stop in the city building and pick one up.

The police department's pill drop off box in their lobby has been well received. It is designed for anyone who needs to dispose of unused or outdated pills. So if you have any just bring them up and drop them off.

Welcome to Mr. Doug Beckham, our new CAO, he is replacing Mr. Roger Rolfes who has been our CAO for the past eleven years. Doug has been working full time and attending a number of events to meet and greet our residents and committee members. If you have a chance to stop by the city building, stick your head in and say hello to Doug. Welcome aboard!!!

Many thanks to the recreation committee for their hard work, dedication, and helping hands when needed this last year. As you can see they have a number of new events coming up and plans are underway for the summer activities. Hope to see you and the family at one or more of the up and coming events.



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Recreation Rap

by Recreation Director Kim Wolking

ZUMBA CLASSES EXTENDED

If you missed the first session, you have another chance to get in on the fun. Ditch the workout, join the party! The Zumba program fuses hypnotic Latin rhythms and easy-to-follow dance moves to create a one-of-a-kind fitness program that will blow you away. The routines feature interval training sessions where fast and slow rhythms and resistance training are combined to tone and sculpt your body while burning fat. Add some Latin flavor and international zest into the mix and you've got a Zumba class! The classes will be held on Tuesday evenings at 6 p.m. beginning March 1. The cost is \$40 for the eight week session. All classes will be held at the senior center. You must pre-register for the class. Registration forms are available at the city building.

MYSTERY DINNER

The annual Mystery Dinner, "Gamblers Luck, Casino Show-Down", will be held at the Edgewood Senior Center, 550 Freedom Park Drive, on March 5, at 6:30 p.m. The P.P.W.C. (Poker Players World Championship) final preliminary round was scheduled to be played in the Big Easy Casino in New Orleans tonight. You hold one of the hottest tickets in town to see poker all stars, eat great food and experience the finer things in life! Unfortunately, the hottest new poker player in years, Ace McIntyre, is dead. There are now only seven card sharks left vying for the title of Gambler Supreme and tension is mounting amongst the living. Join us for a high stakes poker showdown where a turn of the card could turn out to be the last move you make. The evening of fun, will include adventure, card play, and murder. Play a part in the mystery or just play a part in solving the crime. Call now and get your tickets for the premiere of this new show and let us know if you'd like to be cast; parts and tickets will go fast! The cost is \$25.00 per person and includes the mystery, a catered dinner, dessert and non-alcoholic drinks (you may bring your own alcohol).



BELLY DANCE CLASSES

Belly Dance Classes are being offered at the senior center on

Wednesday evenings, March 9 through April 13, from 6:00-7:00 p.m. The cost for the 6 week course is \$40. All ages are welcome and any kind of exercise dress is appropriate. Belly Dance is a great way to exercise. Registration forms are available at the city building or can be sent via email. For information please email Kim Wolking at kw@edgewoodky.gov.

SENIOR EXPO

The 7th Annual Senior Expo will be held at the senior center on Thursday, March 10 from 2-4 p.m. The expo will include a wide variety of vendors, music, magic, door prizes and refreshments. **The expo is free of charge and open to the public.**

Mad Science Presents "ELECTRIC EXPERIMENTATION"

This is one ELECTRIFYING experience! Come face to face with electricity and many of its uses. Can you tell what is and what is not "white light" or the difference between "fluorescent" and "phosphorescent?" Mad scientists will light up a light bulb, with out any wires or fixtures! Understand all about lightning as we create our own "indoor lightning storm." Even volunteer to explore the wonders of static electricity with the Van DeGraaf Generator! It's a hair-raising experience. This is one energizing assembly! Mad Scientists will be at the Edgewood Senior Center on Saturday, March 19. The program begins at 2 p.m. and will last approximately 1 hour. It is designed for children ages 5-12 and is for Edgewood residents only. There is no charge for the event, however, pre-registration is required and space is limited to the first 100 children to sign-up. Parents are encouraged to stay with their child. Please email Kim Wolking at kw@edgewoodky.gov to reserve a spot. *Please see the enclosed flyer.*



FREE GOLF CLINIC FOR ALL AGES

Edgewood residents and guests are invited to an exclusive free golf clinic co-sponsored by Edgewood Recreation and The Golf Courses of Kenton County. This event is open to all age groups. The clinic and complimentary golf instruction will take place on Saturday, March 26, starting at 10:00 AM. For an hour and a half the staff will demonstrate some basics then assist as many as they can with individual tips. The clinic

will take place on the practice tees of the Golf Course of Kenton County, located at 3908 Richardson Road in Independence. Please send them an email at wevegoyourgame@kentoncounty.org or call the clubhouse to register at 371-3200. Mark your calendars! Check-in starts at 9:45 that morning.

EASTER EGG HUNT AT FREEDOM PARK

The Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, April 23, 2:00 p.m., at Freedom Park. The egg hunt is for children ages 3-8 and will include a visit from the Easter Bunny. The Easter Bunny will be available after the hunt for pictures. You must bring your own camera. There will be special prize eggs in each age group. You can redeem prize eggs in the senior center. In case of inclement weather, children can still visit with the bunny and collect eggs in the senior center. **PARKING IS LIMITED, ARRIVE EARLY. THE HUNT STARTS PROMPTLY AT 2:00 P.M. NO PARENTS ARE ALLOWED IN THE HUNT AREAS.** *Please keep the enclosed flyer.*



EDGEWOOD'S "AMAZING RACE" ROAD RALLY

Edgewood's version of the "Amazing Race" will be held on Saturday, April 30, at 6:30 p.m., at the Senior Center. If you haven't tried this, you don't know what you are missing. Teams can be families, friends, neighbors, seniors or any group of 2-6 people. Teams will have two hours to take photographs, gather items, complete challenges and solve puzzles and then return to the senior center. Pizza and drinks will be provided while judges tally the scores. Prizes will be awarded for 1st-3rd place. Teams will need to bring a digital camera with a large enough screen for viewing photos. You may use your cell phone if the photos can be easily viewed and are of a good quality. If a photo can not be seen clearly you will not receive points for the photo. You must pre-register for this event; space is limited to the first 25 teams to sign-up. The cost per group is \$25. Please see the enclosed registration form. If you have any questions call **Kim Wolking at 331-5910**.

SUMMER SOFTBALL LEAGUES Recreational summer softball leagues are being offered on Wednesday nights for men and on Sunday nights for coed teams. League play will begin May 1. The entry fee is \$375. Entry deadline is April 15 (or until league fills). Registration forms are available at the city building or email Kim Wolking at kw@edgewoodky.gov. Leagues will be filled on a first-come, first-serve basis.

SUMMER VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE A recreational summer coed volleyball league is being offered on Wednesday evenings beginning May 4. The entry fee is \$180. Entry deadline is April 22. Registration forms are available at the city building or email Kim Wolking at kw@edgewoodky.gov. Leagues will be filled on a first-come, first-serve basis.

PERENNIAL SWAP Attention all gardeners, the city is sponsoring a perennial swap at the Noll Shelter in Freedom Park on Saturday, May 7, at 10:00 a.m. Start planning your gardens now. If you have any plants you need to divide, please do so and share them with your neighbors. The city will have daylilies on hand. Any unwanted perennials can be donated to the parks department. Please have labels or descriptions of your plants to give to the new owners. If you would like to participate please call **Kim Wolking at 331-5910** for further information.



EDGEWOOD COMMUNITY BAND

Hey Edgewood Residents, we're starting a band! The Edgewood Community Band! Anyone who has a musical talent of any level is welcome to join. Bring your instrument and a stand and join us at the Edgewood Senior Center on Monday, April 11, at 7 p.m. for the first rehearsal. This group is open to people outside of the Edgewood area and there is NO audition. Spread the word and invite all of your friends. We will be playing concert band music to start. Go to the Edgewood Community Band Facebook page and "like" the group, or call Chris Reineke at **859-727-1669** or email Chris Reineke at chrisscott1@msn.com. We will also be glad to accept any unwanted instruments, music, stands or musical donations.



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A note from your Fire and EMS Department...

Our fish fries will be starting up on March 11th and will be held every Friday during Lent for 7 weeks including Good Friday. This is becoming known as one of the best in the area and a great value. If you haven't joined us before, please come up and if you have, we look forward to serving you again. Our menu consists of fried fish, baked fish, chicken nuggets, fried shrimp, fries, onion rings, hot dogs for the kids, slaw and macaroni and cheese along with a choice of desserts. This is held at the Senior Center in Edgewood and doors open at 5:00 until 8:00. We also offer carryout. You are welcome to call and we will have your order ready! The carryout number is 331-0033. Mark your calendars for our annual recruit drive. It is right around the corner in April. We will be accepting applications for those interested in becoming a volunteer and going to school to become an EMT or firefighter (or both). Please stop by during business hours and complete your application for consideration in becoming a member of our department. Our orientation class will begin towards the end of May with orientation starting in June. We have some applications on file and will be contacting you as well. This is only held annually so don't let another year go by if you are interested.



FIREMAN JOE SAYS: Some green, lots of sun and blue skies sure are welcome after such a harsh winter. Now is a great time to give the ole homestead a little once over, do some spring cleaning. Time to get rid of all the clutter and stuff we have needed to dispose of and make our homes more fire safe. In the basement or garage throw out old paint cans or other containers that have liquids you are not sure what they are. Clear boxes and go thru stored items to see if maybe it is time to donate or just get them out. Closets and the attic are next, and why you are at it, sit down with the family and go over your home escape plan and recheck the safe meeting place so that the whole family is clear on your plan. Daylight Savings Time begins Sunday, March 13th; remember we lose an hour of sleep because it is time to spring forward and move the clock ahead one hour. While you're changing the clock, be sure to change the battery in the smoke alarm, it may even be time to replace it, look for a date stamp on the back. Smoke alarms are good for ten years. I am looking forward to seeing all my senior friends at the City of Edgewood Senior Expo, at the Senior Center, on Thursday March 10th, from 2 to 4 p.m. We have lots of neat helpful hints to keep you safe plus a few free gifts. Come on by and be sure to say hello to Fireman Joe, I have it on good authority there will some excellent presenters and lots of freebies.